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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231
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Transmitted herewith is a response to an outstanding Office Action in the above identified application. Please Note for following crossed items.

(X) No additional fee is required.

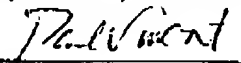
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Number Extra	Rate	FEE
Total claims	9	-	20	X	x\$18	0
Independent claims	1	-	3	X	x\$84	0
Multiple dependent claim added					\$280	0
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- () A Petition for Extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)
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- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of fees
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- (X) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this
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applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for
extension of time.
- (X) Request for change of correspondence address.
- () Return Postcard Receipt

Respectfully submitted



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